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The Lullaby Illusion A Journey of Awakening by Susan Joyce, truly pulled on my heartstrings I don t know what I was expecting when I first jumped into this one, but what I

came out with was awe and amazement So well written, impossible to put down, and truly left me pondering for hours after I finished reading it. This is a memoir, which is the type of novel that I enjoy reading most You get a real feel of the author and the hardships she had to go through over the course of time The story mainly focuses on the Turkish Invasion in Cyprus in 1974, the military coup and the foreigners and expats who were left behind there Susan Joyce had a wonderful life, but she had to abandon it in order to become a border refugee Eventually she ends up in Europe, but ends up having to be rescued there as well. There are so many aspects of this novel that go way beyond war Joyce realizes she can't have children as well, so we get to see her struggle through that and how she copes with it She wants to continue to travel, even after reaching Europe, and we watch as she makes that a reality as well. This storyline is not only heart wrenching, it's uplifting as well I thoroughly enjoyed it, and I admire Susan Joyce very much This is one memoir worth reading I confess to never having read a book quite like this before It felt ever so slightly disjointed until I learned the rhythm and went along with the flow and storyline And what a story Susan has to tell Dreams and illusions there are aplenty, woven into the fabric of the tale, so that it almost comes alive in your hands I learned so much of her personal tragedy in the Cyprus crisis I myself was 31 at the time and her life both before and afterwards By the time that the Epilogue came around and detailed what had happened to all of her friends, I felt that I had got to know them all so well, and could shed a tear for her losses This is a magical and moving book, written by an author who has demonstrably enjoyed her life to the full. John Searancke Reviewer, Tenerife Island Connections [Read Pdf] ? The Lullaby Illusion ? The Lullaby Illusion Details The Harrowing Personal Journey Of A Young American Woman Facing Seemingly Insurmountable Situations While Living In The Middle East And Europe After Miscarriages And The Loss Of A Child In Childbirth On The Island Of Cyprus, Susan Seeks Solace By Creating Art, And Recording Her Vivid Dreams Through Difficult Life Changes Cyprus's Bloody Coup And War In , A Rescue From A Sinking Ship In The Indian Ocean, Learning Of Her Husband's Secret Life, And Surviving His Deadly Assault In Belgium She Discovers Her Ticking Clock Is Not The Child She Has Failed To Produce, But Rather The Creative Potential With Which She Can Create A New Life Born in Los Angeles, children's book author Susan Joyce is a creative dreamer and traveler, who shares the amazing story of her adventurous life in her new memoir. Peopled with many characters, some famous there's even an Elvis sighting this memoir recounts the terrifying events of a military coup and Turkish invasion in Cyprus in 1974 on the foreigners and expats who were stranded there. What would it be like to be caught in the middle of a war that wasn't even yours Joyce had a beautiful life until she had to abandon her lovely home in the paradise that was the island of Cyprus and become a border refugee dodging bullets flying overhead and fire spreading through the refugee camp The refugees, caught between the Greeks and the Turks, were helped by UN soldiers and were airlifted by helicopter to a British ship Joyce went on to live in Europe, but later on she had to be rescued from a boat

in the Indian Ocean A very wild ride indeed Dreams, news reports, conversations, travel descriptions, and lots of conversations blend together to give a picture of the dramatic events at a time when the author was focused on her wish to have a baby after many miscarriages and a tragic stillbirth, and her disintegrating marriage and suspicion that her husband of thirteen years was a spy. Her awakening comes from the realization that she cannot have a baby, and she needs to use her powers of creation in another way, which she does very successfully Once safe in Europe, giving up on her dream to bear a child, she reinvents herself as an artist as she continues to travel the world. I know Susan Joyce's memoir, *THE LULLABY ILLUSION*, is non fiction, yet it reads like fiction delivering all the tension and thrills one expects from a suspense novel In fact, with the way it portrays the cold war era of the 1970s, along with its vivid descriptions of traveling through Europe and the Middle East, it reminded me of a Helen MacInnes cold war era suspense novel The places, people and situations in this book are absorbing in the same way the situations and characters in a MacInnes novel are absorbing I would say Ms Joyce has led a very interesting life I'm glad she's chosen to share this part of it with us. Ms Joyce employs a series of time switches in her memoir to help the reader understand and absorb the entire story, but the bulk of the action takes place in Europe in the seventies It vividly chronicles her time spent in paradise as the author refers to Cyprus where she was living in 1974 during the Greek coup d'etat and the Turkish invasion I was riveted as I read her harrowing and tense account of being caught between the warring factions She was fortunate to survive. The heart of the story, though, is her reaction to the grim reality of coming to terms with betrayal by the person she should have been most able to trust, her husband Was he a double agent Did he have something to do with the war in Cyprus Did she ever truly know him In choosing how to react to these questions, and his betrayal, she finds herself paying attention to her dreams and intuition, which act as guides to finding self fulfillment and reinventing herself both creatively and personally. Ultimately, this is a life affirming story, as a good memoir should be It shows how we can turn heartache into triumph It all depends on how we choose to react As I closed the book with a sigh of satisfaction, I found myself pondering how life gives us many opportunities to become who we really are, if we are wise enough to be paying attention. There is a saying the world is your oyster, suggesting the person is free to take any opportunity they choose, that life has to offer Susan Joyce fully embraces the life opportunities that are presented to her Without giving anything away, it is only the author's belief in herself, and her ability to trust and act on her intuitive feelings that carries her through the great, the good, the sad, the fearful, the adverse and the indifferent Would she have ever embarked on this journey had she known what life events awaited her when she met and within months, married Charles and together experienced living in various countries, absorbing new languages and cultures The book is enjoyable on several levels through varying threads single, married and separated life living in new countries experiencing a war, and Joyce's esoteric spirituality conveyed in her dreams and journaling

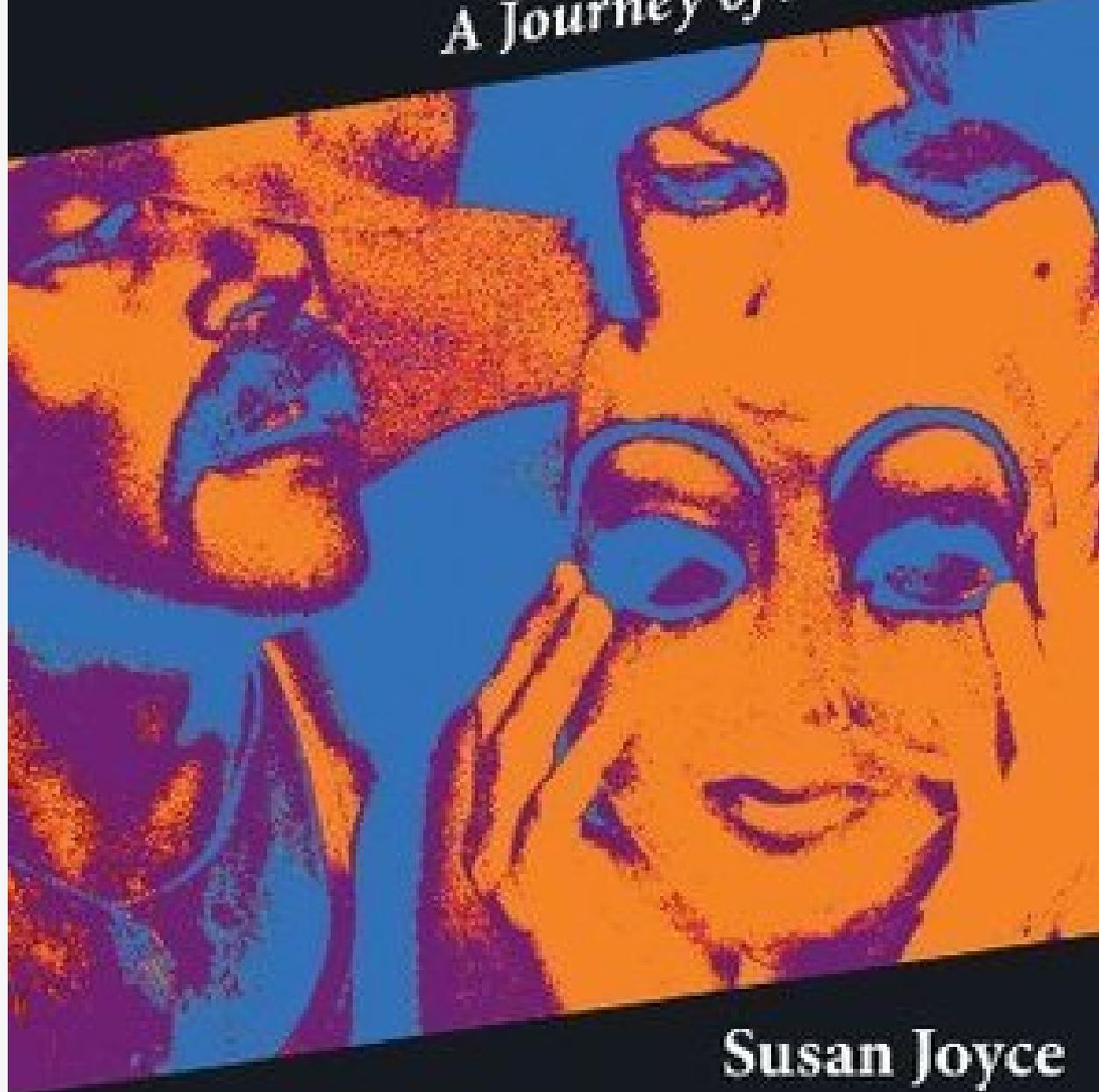
Through self awareness, this inevitably led the author to confront the possibility of lies in her world, then beginning to see her world as it was, not as she presumed it to be. The author saw her world objectively, the wiser her choices became with her resulting actions having a positive impact on her life. The author's lyrical writing style gives her work an intensity. Sometimes it is an inner emotional intensity, and at other times, an outward looking evocation of time and place. This enables the creation of a form of beauty, not only of the fun and happy times but also from ugly or frightening events, especially those experienced during her time of living through the 1974 Turkish invasion of Cyprus. I unreservedly recommend this book. It brought to mind Carl Jung and his belief that one does not become enlightened by imagining figures of light, but by making the darkness conscious, to bring it into light. The author's ability to examine and make sense of all her experiences, her willingness to share it honestly with her readers, is what elevates this book above most other memoir. This is a wonderful, wonderful memoir expertly told and with bags of incident and finely judged humour. Ms Joyce has a very vivid dream life. She keeps a dream diary, I do that and one night dreams that she was a wild pinto running free across the Arizona desert. Her friend asks if the horse said anything, and Susan quips "Neighed a lot." I also LOVED the birthday suit episode. She won't give too much away, but she didn't need much. Pressing line had me in fits. Following a divorce, a series of miscarriages and a tragic still birth, Ms Joyce realises that having children is not a guarantee of happiness. She achieves new fulfilment as a writer of children's books inspired by dream visits from a singing elephant. This is no ordinary singing elephant either, it sings in rhyme. "An elephant won't forget you when you're happy. An elephant won't forget you when you're sad. Cause an elephant knows the secret is remembering it all. Learning from the good times, and the bad. One gets the feeling that Ms Joyce has taken this to heart. Her story recalls a good and comfortable life suddenly turned bad when the 1974 Cyprus coup forces her out of her paradise home. Her lullaby existence and into a hail of flying bullets. And that's just the start of her troubled travels both in her extended globetrotting in the real world nearly drowned in the Indian Ocean and in the reflective travels of her dream world as she reflects on and learns to overcome each new challenge including finding out her hubby is a spy with both courage and wisdom. The Lullaby Illusion is an ode to the human spirit a testament to a life lived fully and well and made strong by the experience. Susan Joyce's Lullaby Illusion is a truly fascinating memoir. One strand details her travels and life in Europe with remarkable descriptions and a conversational style that effortlessly draws the reader into her world. What an extraordinary and varied life she had. It was certainly touched with tragedy as she suffered numerous miscarriages and the trauma of a stillbirth. She was living in Cyprus at the time of the Greek Cypriot coup and subsequent invasion by the Turkish Army and was very lucky to escape with her life. She also realises that her husband Charles is leading a double life and finds herself in danger from him. However Susan somehow copes with this and emerges as a strong and self-reliant woman building a new life as a successful artist.

The second strand explores Susan's dream world and her very strong intuitive feelings which she has learnt to trust and which she knows guides her path. These are wonderfully interwoven into this amazing narrative showing that truth can be stranger and infinitely action packed than fiction. At one point I realised I had tears running down my face reading about her dream sequence where she whispers 'The Lullaby Illusion life's illusive song'. It's a truly moving memoir and one which I highly recommend. Worth every one of the 5 stars.

This skilfully written memoir is a complex web containing threads of intrigue, life threatening incidents and moments of great poignancy and humour. Susan Joyce begins by telling of her marriage to a man who she suspects might be leading a double life, one that is filled with mystery and sinister purpose. She is young and naive and copes with his strange behaviour, but is deeply disturbed by his secrecy. His job causes them to move locations, one of which is to Cyprus. Susan describes the beauty of the country, her lifestyle and development of friendships within the local and expatriate communities. There is so much that seems idyllic there until the moment when the war breaks out. I was gripped as I re-lived, through her eyes, the political and combative events that transpired. The traumas, accounts of human suffering and survival are vivid and incredibly moving. Susan also tells us about her personal trials and successes. She recounts the physical and emotional agonies of multiple miscarriages, the bonds and losses of dear friends, and then the significance of her dreams. Through her mixed experiences she begins to realise and celebrate her artistic talent, her confidence and self belief. There are so many twists and turns to this compelling story that, at times, it read like an espionage thriller than a memoir. The combination of her powers of description, and quality of writing made this a clear five star rating for me. The reader is transported to the 1974 invasion of Cyprus where Susan and her husband Charles are caught in crossfire, as they and their friends take refuge in a UN camp, and eventually flee to safety. However, before boarding HMS Hermes, they witness the horrific devastation of war on their former neighbours and their homes. The author realizes that the vivid dreams she has of her husband leading a double life are indeed true, and they eventually divorce. I felt so sad for her having suffered a series of miscarriages and the loss of a baby, but her tremendous spirit shines through as she makes a new life for herself in Germany. Channeling her creativity into a series of batik paintings, Susan's first exhibition sells out and she thrives amidst a wonderful cast of characters and several romantic liaisons. This is a wonderfully uplifting memoir that I found intriguing from the outset.

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